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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in favor of the Microsoft antitrust settlement agreement. The parties worked hard to reach a workable agreement that will accomplish the goal of preventing future monopolistic behavior.

The agreement is fair and reasonable, and adequately addresses the essential complaints lodged against Microsoft. I especially like the idea of the creation of a technical review committee, which will oversee Microsoft's business practices. The review committee will be able to monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement agreement, and will help address complaints in the event Microsoft engages in any future anticompetitive behavior. Additionally, Microsoft will make it easier for its competitors to compete with Microsoft by granting computer manufacturers the right to replace features of Windows with the software designed by Microsoft's competitors, and by disclosing parts of the internal Windows code to the competition.

Continuing the litigation process is not in the public's best interest. I would like to see this case concluded. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Marcus Huie